

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, April 26, 2018

The mission of St. John the Evangelist School is to integrate Catholic philosophy with academic excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends,

Now that the weather finally feels like Spring, the activity level also feels like Spring! Confirmation is on Friday evening. Congratulations to the eighth graders from our school and parish. On Saturday, there is a Catholic High School Fair at the College Park Marriott from 11:00-2:00. Then on Tuesday evening, we have First Communion practice.

Next Friday, May 4, we will have our annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother before the 9:30 Mass. Please remember that everyone should be dressed in their Sunday best, and the children should bring flowers for the procession. A small bunch or a single flower is fine. When we return to school, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Don't forget to pick up the plants you ordered in the SJE Spring Plant Sale next Tuesday, May 1 between 2:30-3:30 and 5:30-6:30. If you missed the sale this year, you can buy your spring plants at Behnke's Nursery on the weekend of May 4-6 and it will benefit SJE.

We would like to congratulate our Advanced Band that received a Superior rating at the Archdiocesan Band Festival last Sunday. Come see their trophy displayed at school. Thank you Miss Kristin Maloney for your guidance of these wonderful young musicians.

I wish you all happy, sunny, warm days to come.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 4/27, Confirmation, 7:00pm, Main Church (reception to follow in school auditorium)

Sun., 4/29, Confirmation Meeting, 11:30am, Kennedy Room

Tues., 5/1, First Communion Practice, 7:30pm, Main Church, **Spring Plant order pick up, Kennedy Room, 2:30 – 3:30pm and 5:30 – 6:30pm**

Weds., 5/2, Coffee with the Principal, 8:15am, Principal's Office

Fri., 5/4, Rosary and May Crowning, 9:00am, Main Church; First Friday Liturgy, 9:30am; Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 10:30am, **12:30pm Dismissal**

Sun., First Holy Communion, 12:00pm, Main Church

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

It's almost the end of the year. Have you fulfilled your family's annual fundraising obligation? The 50/50 raffle is a great last-minute way to raise get last minute credit. Every ticket sold earns \$1.50 towards your obligation. Do you have a free lunch hour or two? Pick up an extra lunch duty and earn \$10 towards your fundraising obligation.

HSA is looking for a new Communications Officer. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be an active participant in the school community. For more information on what is involved, email Rebecca Desrocher at red081002@hotmail.com

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to sell your 50/50 raffle tickets! The more we sell, the bigger the prize! And the class who sells the most tickets wins a pizza party from Mamma Lucia! The drawing is **Friday, May 11th** at Family Bingo Night.

Questions? Email Allison Hoefling (allison_hoefling@yahoo.com) or Shaila Cordone (sguthiko@gmail.com).

FUNDRAISING DAYS AT BEHNKE'S NURSERY

Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville will be holding fundraising days for St. John the Evangelist Parish/School starting **Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th**. Head to Behnke's with your flyer (or a copy of it on your smartphone) and Behnke's will donate 10% of your bill to the parish/school! It will be a perfect weekend to buy your flower annuals, perennials, shrubs, birdseed, mulch and tools just in time for spring planting! If you've never been to Behnke's, you're in for a treat! Thank you for supporting St. John's!

FAMILY BINGO: FRIDAY, MAY 11

Please join us for Family Bingo Night on **Friday, May 11 from 6:30 – 8:30pm** in the school auditorium. Flyers will be sent home in backpacks this week. **Change from previous Bingo Nights:** Pizza is always in short supply on Bingo Night, and we can only guarantee pizza for families that pre-order. If you'd like to make sure there's a hot pizza (or three) waiting for your family, please place your order ahead using the attached form. Forms can be turned into Angela Colburn in the SJE front office through **Wednesday, May 9**. Bingo cards, drinks and other munchies will be sold for cash only at the event.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Rebecca Desrocher at red081002@hotmail.com.

SCRIP

QUESTION: What is Scrip?

ANSWER: An easy program that lets you earn \$\$ toward your fundraising obligation without buying extra products or spending extra money.

QUESTION: What's the catch?

ANSWER: There really isn't one. Over 300 retailers want your business and reward you by giving back to your favorite non-profit. As your favorite non-profit, we think that's a pretty good deal!

BIGGER QUESTION: How do I sign up???

EASY ANSWER: It's easier than you think. We're looking forward to answering your questions and activating your account!

Any questions? Contact Kristin Dukes and Helen Cyr at sjescrips@gmail.com

LUNCH DUTY

Sign up, swap spots, manage your lunch duties – all in one place! Do you have an odd day off, or an extra hour to spare? Check out the calendar and see if there's an opening. \$10 toward your HSA fundraising after satisfying the minimum number days, fun for you and the kids, and a nice break for our beloved teachers.

<http://signup.com/go/JeHSgeA>

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

For the protection of all of our children, SJE policy follows the Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Program, VIRTUS. Parents and guardians must be cleared through VIRTUS in order to fulfill their Lunch & Recess Duty requirement, serve as chaperones on field trips, attend class parties and functions at school, and volunteer for extracurricular activities such as Scouting and CYO.

If you are a new parent or a returning parent who hasn't completed VIRTUS, please see the instructions here: <http://www.sje.org/pdf/hsavirtus201617.pdf>

You may also contact Sister Roberta Harding, SJE's Child Protection Compliance Coordinator, at hardingr@sjeparish.org.

FACEBOOK

Check out the latest and greatest happenings at SJE by following our Facebook page. It will be updated with all the daily activities here at school and gives you a chance to share our wonderful school. <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnstheevangelistschool>

You can also follow SJE on Instagram: @sjteschool

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH PICNIC AT HISTORIC CHURCH

Come and enjoy the Parish Picnic to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Historic Church on **Saturday, May 19, 2018** starting at 1:00 PM on site at Rosensteel Avenue in Forest Glen. The road between the Historic Church and the Knights of Columbus facility will be blocked off to through traffic that day. We will have great food and lots of activities. The Carroll Chapel replica and the Historic Church will be open for visits – come and learn more about our Parish history and the history of the Catholic Church in America. Docents will be available to describe the displays and answer questions. The Picnic will be hosted by the Parish and the Rosensteel Council of the Knights of Columbus. Food, drinks, and ice cream will be provided. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share. An outdoor Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 PM.

Please click here for the parish website: WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG

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